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C-R-A-S-H! OUR MIKE IS HIT

*-Broadside by
a Torpedo!*

CRASH! Two great players collide. VLADIMIR BREDNEV, the Torpedo right half meets MIKE JURECKI, the Victorian inside left in a duel for the ball at Olympic Park, on Monday.

Victoria lost 0-4 to a team who were streets ahead of the local side.

As we forecast last week the Russians

had beaten the heat and on Monday the heat was on the Victorians.

Many said after the game that no matter what team Victoria had selected it would not have made any difference to the result.

● Now turn to page 5 and read what the experts have to say about the game.



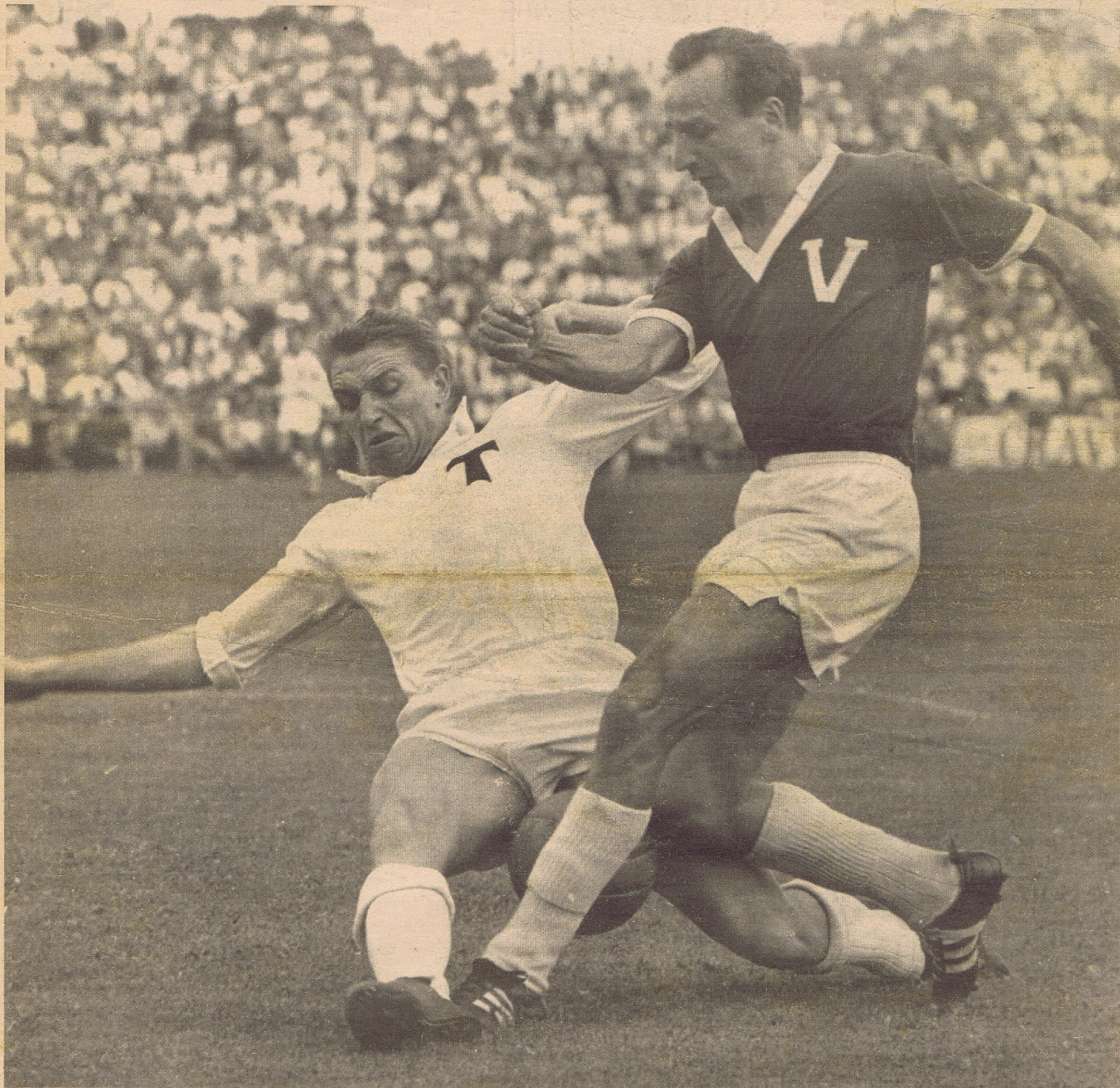
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BIG TEAM CHANGES

Big changes are expected in the Victorian team to meet Torpedo Moscow at Olympic Park on Sunday.

Mr. Henry Dressler, the Victorian selector, said this yesterday.

He hinted that more youth could be added to the side.

He said it was too early in the season for Victoria to form a first-class squad and it was obvious that some of the State League representatives on Monday were not ready for international competition.

"I saw the Torpedoes in Sydney and they played 100 per cent, better in Melbourne", said Mr. Dressler.

He said it was obvious that a combined team did not play as well as a

club team.

"We are not as good as we think. We had some good games against Basle, Munster and Everton last year and our morale was high", he said.

"But we're not ready for the big time. Why kid ourselves.

"When I want to give the squad extra training I get opposition from the clubs. They tell me not to overtrain the players.

"They just don't get enough condition training. That's the trouble.

"We must try the juniors. They must be trained properly.

"When we are representing Victoria we must put on the best show.

"I think our future rests with our Juniors and we must encourage them if we are to succeed".

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Spaghetti... Yes, Vodka... Nyet!

By Martin Aston

YOU can forget stories that the touring Moscow Torpedo players are a group of silent and suspicious young men.

Despite the language barrier, I am finding them to be happy, modest and friendly and can report that they are astonished at some of the things they have seen in Australia.

They like nothing better than to frolic on the beach and look at the girls in their bikinis.

And they are amazed at the number of people in this country who own a car and surprised that a man can after becoming a millionaire, leave all of the money to his son.

The players enjoyed every minute of the Moomba procession and celebrated their victory over Victoria with a spaghetti party.

The discipline under which the Torpedo players are placed is something which has to be seen to be believed, but the fact remains that the team is being used by the Soviet as a weapon for national prestige.

That is why they felt they were in disgrace and increased their training after a Sydney team held them to a one-all draw a fortnight ago.

VODKA or any other form of alcohol is forbidden during the season and although some of the players enjoy a drink they say they have to be careful because the coaches and other officials watch them all the time.

It is said that their captin, Boris Batanov, who holds the title of "Master of Sport", used to occasionally smoke a packet of cigarettes a day but now he is of sterner fibre and is down to one or two.

BACKGROUND TO SOCCER

AND THEY LOVE OUR BEACHES AND BIKINIS

Batanov wears a dark band around his left arm during the matches to indicate to the referee that he is the captain.

"Don't you think we have such things in Russia", asked the team's superb goalkeeper Anzor Kavazashvili through an interpreter when I expressed admiration for his fashionably tailored brown suit and asked whether it had been made in Moscow.

He revealed that he spends at least two hours a day working out to ensure that his reflexes are kept at their peak and said he likes to relax listening to any sort of music in his spare time.

"I used to play the piano but I gave it up when I started to play football seriously", he said.

"You must give up everything and devote yourself entirely to the game if you are to reach the top".

IT is the accepted practice for a goalkeeper to wear gloves to help him gain a grip of the ball when it is muddy and slippery, but Kavazashvili caused a surprise when he wore them in last Monday's match against Victoria.

"It is so cold at home that I always wear gloves to protect the fingers", he said.

"And I have become so used to them that I could not bring myself to go onto the field without them".

The palms of the gloves are made from an almost paper thin leather and the backs from a webbing which allows the air to circulate.

The chief coach Victor Marienko makes no bones about being the boss all the time but many observers consider that the real power behind the scenes is the interpreter German Orlov.

Orlov is a good looking young man who speaks perfect English and has shot hundreds of feet of film of subjects ranging from a girl in a bikini to the Moomba procession.

He is a teacher of languages at the University.

NOBODY takes the claim that each Torpedo player is an amateur very seriously, although for purposes of record they are all employed in various jobs by the Moscow auto works.

Nothing is left to chance in the preparation of this team of "amateurs" and two other coaches apart from Marienko are travelling with the touring party.

One of them, Vladimir Gorochov, a stockily built bear of a man with a shiny bald head of which even Khrushchev would be proud, and a broad smile which is highlighted by a flash of silver teeth, spends nearly all of his time looking after Kavazashvili and the reserve goalkeeper Eduard Shapovalenko.

At first impression he looks to be almost as wide as he is tall.

Marienko can speak Italian quite fluently. For several years he has taken the Torpedo players to a pre-season training camp near Bologna when the grounds in Russia are still frozen over.

Another member of the touring party who can make himself understood in Italian is the bewildering left winger Oleg Sergeyev.

THE Torpedo players have come bearing gifts in the form of hundreds of badges of various shapes and colors and one of their most eager off the field pursuits is to exchange them for local badges.

They have a triangular one on which a streamlined car is depicted and there is a circular white one on which the insignia of the Moscow auto works is inscribed in red and blue.

For some reason the Torpedo players regard a local Rotary club badge as the most prized capture which can be made.

Several times a surprised Rotary member has been approached by a Torpedo player in a hotel foyer or the street and offered an exchange of badges.

A typical member of the touring party is the fair haired young reserve full-back Anatoly Putinsev.

He is wide-eyed about what he has seen so far in Australia and already has picked up a surprising amount of English as well as an excessive dose of sunburn.

Everybody sat up and took notice when he broke an awkward silence at an official dinner in Sydney by saying "Please pass the salt" in perfect English.

And that the fact that Putinsev refused the champagne and insisted the waiter bring him a glass of water showed how he is disciplining his habits in a bid to become a champion Soccer player.

TO be quite candid I would be greatly surprised if he has ever seen 'the inside of the auto factory let alone done a day's work there.

It is said that at the moment Putinsev is studying philosophy at the University and he spent most of his youth training for a career in the ballet.

His team mates were delighted and roared with laughter when Anatoly got to his feet when the dinner was over and quickly picked up the instructions of a scantily clad dancer in how to do the hula.

He was rewarded with a kiss.

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-AND WE HAVE 'RINGO'

Our Sydney man Martin Aston is right on the ball.

He exclusively predicted when Everton left Australia:

"There is a better than average chance of the 'character' of the Everton team, Brian 'Ringo' Harris, coming back here to join a local club.

"If and when he does come there is little doubt that the club he will join will be Apia.

"Nothing official can be said at this stage, but there is no doubt that Apia would be prepared to pay him £100 a week."

The latest development is:

Brian Harris, the star personality of the Everton team, is considered almost certain to accept an offer of £4,000 to play for Apia in the coming season.

The amount is comprised of £2,800 for playing Soccer and £1,200 from a job and would ensure that Harris would earn more than £100 a week while he is here.

This would make him one of the highest paid sportsmen in the country although there are one or two Rugby League players in Sydney who are reported to be earning this sort of money.

Apia this week sent a cable to Harris asking him if he could let the club know within the next week or two whether he was going to accept their offer.

According to local officials Everton are willing to give Harris a free clearance to join Apia on the understanding that if he returns to England he would be Everton's player.

Several other Everton players including the club's skipper Roy Vernon and reserve inside forward Jimmy Hill also are making inquiries about coming to Australia, but Vernon appears to have priced himself out of the reckoning.

Harris has been in and out of the Everton first team during the current English season and that is why he is willing to come here.

His clowning and Beale style hair-cut quickly made Harris into the star personality of the Everton team which toured Australia last year and as well as this he was one of their outstanding players.

He is the sort of player who can lift a whole team with his infectious enthusiasm for the game.

There is little doubt that Harris will become the dominant figure in Australian Soccer if he comes here because he is just the type of "character" who is needed to get people talking about the game.

JIM'S SON JUST WON'T PLAY SOCCER...



Australian Soccer Federation vice-president big Jim Bayutti (pictured left), has become a proud and yet tragic figure at the same time.

And all because of the sporting activities of his 11-year-old son Paul.

Mr. Bayutti would give anything for the boy to become a champion at Soccer but instead Paul has become a cricket fanatic and last Saturday scored 104 not out for his school team in Sydney.

And when the winter comes around Paul becomes the despair of his mother when he comes home bruised and battered from the hard knocks he receives from playing ... Rugby Union!

★ Our Soccer officials must have been looking into a crystal ball when they decided

upon Chelsea as the English team to tour here in May.

For this team of eager youngsters could well arrive out here as triple champions.

At the moment Chelsea is:

● A clear leader at the top of the table in the first division championship

● In the final of the Football League cup, and

● In the quarter finals of the F.A. Cup.

Torpedoes pull down curtain

By STEPHEN KALUS, our man at Essendon airport

I was shocked when I met the Russians at Essendon with other Pressmen on Sunday.

Even though I speak fluent Russian I wasn't allowed to interview the players.

All my interviews had to be channelled through one man — German Orlov, the official interpreter.

I spoke in Russian to team manager Victor Mazenko and was told by Orlov that I had to put my questions to him first.

This I did. "What do you think of the standard of Australian Soccer?", I asked.

Orlov: "We have been told that your State is the strongest in Australia. The Sydney team has been the best we've met so far but we were impressed with some of the Adelaide players, especially their No. 5".

What are Australia's prospects in World Soccer?

Mazenko: A big improvement is necessary. You are still in the bottom group. Our team is not at full strength as three of our top players could not travel with us. We are playing all our games in a climate which does not suit us.

Have we any players of world class in Australia?

Mazenko: I don't think so. Your stars would be of middle standard in world class Soccer, in particular that centre half in Adelaide and two more in Perth of whom one was left wing Stankovic.

What do you think of our spectators?

Mazenko: They are the same the world over. I was surprised when they applauded our players for good performances.

Will you stay in Australia long?

Mazenko: Yes, we will stay until March 21.

When I had finished interviewing Mr. Mazenko I handed him a copy of the new-look Soccer News.

He praised the reproduction of the pictures and asked for copies for each of his touring party.

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VICTORIA, YOU COULDN'T BEAT A CLUB TEAM!

By MARTIN ASTON, our Sydney man

What has happened to the proud Victorian team which gave Everton a run for their money last season?

The side which played the Moscow Torpedoes was such a ramshackle collection that they would be lucky to beat a Sydney club team.

Our New South Wales side would eat them.

As the Torpedo enterpreter German Orlov told me after the game: "You cannot expect to emerge as a world Soccer power until you stop importing players from overseas."

"Build up your own champions... that is the only way you can be sure of success."

This is the lesson that Victorian officials should learn from the thrashing of their team by the Torpedoes. But I doubt whether they will.

Ageing has-beens such as Mike Jurecki and Tom Stankovic should be sacked and replaced with younger players who are at least fit and speedy even if they cannot match the delicacy of touch and mastery of the ball shown by the Torpedoes.

The accent should be placed on youth.

It is all very well for officials to say that there are no promising young players coming on because there is no encouragement for a boy to continue in Soccer while clubs continue to fill their teams with second-rate players which they can get cheaply from overseas.

Australia can produce world-class competitors in every other sport and there is no reason why we cannot do the same in Soccer. Why did Victoria give such a pathetic showing and fail to make any impression on this Torpedo team which is at last starting to move into top gear and live up to its rating as a world-class side?

First of all they allowed players such as the balding and brilliant Boris Batanov and Vladimir Brednev, who wears No. 5 on his back and acts as a link between the defence and attack, to quickly gain a grip on play in the middle of the field, which they never lost.

The Sydney team a fortnight ago proved that the Torpedoes can be thrown out of their smooth stride by opponents who constantly breathe down their necks and give them no time in which to indulge in the fancy tricks they love.

But Victoria allowed them to run riot.

I saw where Victoria's captain-coach Vic Janczyk made a special trip to Sydney to watch the Torpedoes in action there and my only conclusion is that if he did not pick out Batanov and Brednev as the two players who had to be stopped then he should give up coaching and spend his Saturday afternoons watching Australian rules.

There appeared to be no attempt at close marking of either of these players.

Another reason why Victoria failed was that their passes continually went astray.

But one should not forget that the Torpedoes are

capable of outclassing much better teams than that put into the field by Victoria.

They are a wonderful side and I expect them to complete their tour by not conceding another goal in either the return match against Victoria on Sunday and the eagerly awaited return clash with New South Wales on Sunday week.

When played in peak form the slower-moving but precision Soccer favored by the Torpedoes has been proved more modern and more efficient than the speedier brand of football played by Everton.

To use the long ball favored by the English teams reasonably well is always easier to play than this type of push and run Soccer successfully.

For one thing the Torpedo style of football requires a well-rehearsed and fit team as well as some outstanding personalities in the side, and Torpedo have such world-class players in Batanov and Brednev, the full-backs Andrei, who has a remarkable facial resemblance to the famous Russian athlete Vladimir Kuts, and Sarayev, and the bewildering left-winger Oleg Sergeyev, who did not play last Monday because of an infected toe-nail.



Ansett-ANA hostess Ann Clarke welcomes members of the Torpedo party at Essendon airport on Sunday. Chief coach Victor Mar-ienko is on the left and captain Boris Batanov is on the right.

OFFICIAL IN CAR CRASH

Mr. Andy Kun, the Victorian Federation chairman, narrowly escaped serious injury in a car crash in Lilydale on Saturday.

He was driving with his wife, Anne, when his car spun off the highway.

It happened on an oily patch of road which was wet.

The car, a new cream colored Valiant, spun on the wet surface and crashed into the side of the road doing extensive damage to the vehicle.

The car did not turn over but the Kuns were lucky not to receive serious injury.

Mrs. Kun suffered severe shock.

Mr. Kun, despite the mishap, insisted on seeing Melbourne's game at Sth. Melbourne Cricket Ground on the same evening.

Essendon replay

Lions and Melbourne will replay their drawn curtain-raiser match of last Saturday night. The game will

be played at Lions home ground, Montgomery Park, Essendon, at 2.45 p.m. Reserves will play at 1 p.m.

TORPEDOED!

Out of our class

By Jim Cook

Torpedo Moscow completely outplayed, outmanoeuvred and outclassed a poor State League side at Olympic Park on Monday.

Victoria's Soccer hopes were torpedoed 4-0 — and had the visitors really tried they could have doubled their score.

Victoria were only half the team which lost to the mighty Everton 1-3 last May.

Our selectors will have to think again before putting a team out against the Torpedoes who are just beginning to get acclimatised to Australian conditions.

The Russians have definitely beaten the heat. When they arrived in Perth a little more than a week ago they played in 90 deg. after being in a Moscow temperature of below zero only five days earlier.

On Monday the heat was on. Victoria, and more than 20,000 people were treated to a poor, dispirited display by a team who lacked cohesion and training together.

No matter what team Victoria had selected, it wouldn't have made any difference to the result.

Torpedoes were streets ahead of our boys in their method of play and at half time it was obvious that Victoria were just not good enough.

Victoria played badly. Not one player was outstanding. This was a reflection on the Torpedo supremacy which was never in doubt.

Unlike British sides, Torpedoes were content to rest on their laurels and 2-0 superiority at half time.

Bradnev, the Russian centre half, was the star. He was in everything and could not be stopped.

This is how I saw the game, minute by minute. 2 Mins.: First thrill for Victoria. A Malloy-Micic movement ended with Micic testing the Torpedo keeper with a good drive.

3 Mins.: Free kick by Batanov inside Vic. 18 yd. line was cleared by Cook.

7 Mins.: Torpedo roaming but in command, especially in centre of field.

8 Mins.: Fode injured when clearing. Resumed after attention.

10 Mins.: Great angular shot by Solovyov diverted



for corner.

11 Mins.: Great left-wing cross by Campbell. McIvor failed to connect.

14 Mins.: It's that man Solovyov. With a dazzling right-wing run it was left to Billy Rice to stop him and clear.

15 Mins.: Pass from Andrei to Batanov and Bradnev sent a high angle shot into roof of net.

Seconds later the same player had another good chance but shot over when harassed by Rice.

20 Mins.: A surprise shot and the Torpedo side increased their lead. Shepherd conceded a corner and Meshakov promptly netted.

23 Mins.: At this stage the Torpedo side was well on top and Victoria were ragged and lacked guile and cohesion.

24 Mins.: A free kick inside the Torpedo 18 yard line finished with Stankovic shooting weakly past.

Hoodo again for Billy Cook when he was struck on the head with a full ball.

28 Mins.: Good combined play by Malloy and Jurecki ended with the latter being dispossessed by Andrei.

Victoria side in general lacked mobility.

32 Mins.: So far the Russians had played well with themselves despite the

heat and of course past masters at weighing up the opposition — they had little worries in this respect.

The roving commission adopted by Brednev who was all over the field provided a constant threat and headache to the Victorian defence.

Campbell looked about the only Vic forward likely to pull something out of the bag and he didn't appear fully fit after Saturday's injury.

HALF TIME: Victoria 0, Torpedo 2 (Brednev, Meshakov).

McMeehan replaced the injured Campbell, Malloy replaced by Kowalec for Victoria.

Putinsev replaced Marushko for Torpedo.

The second half opened on a cautious note with Torpedo, in the knowledge they had little chance of being caught-up with free wheeling.

54 Mins.: McIvor spoiled a good run in which he outwitted two Torpedo defenders by finishing weakly. Kavazhvilii easily held his parting shot.

The second half had turned into an exhibition and for a good reason. Victoria woefully weak, showing no zip or cohesion could put up nothing but token resistance.

Batanov was replaced early in the second half. Blue replaced McIvor.

The Victorian team adopted unusual tactics for a side 2-0 down. Too much daily dallying and overdoing the ball manipulating instead of direct go ahead tactics.

72 Mins.: To liven up a dull second half BREDNEV added a third goal for Torpedo.

87 Mins.: Lenev put Sarayev through and the wing half rattled on a fourth goal for Torpedo.

FINAL: Victoria 0, Torpedo 4.

Referee: Geoff Harrison. Linesmen: M. Alexandrov and L. Straface.

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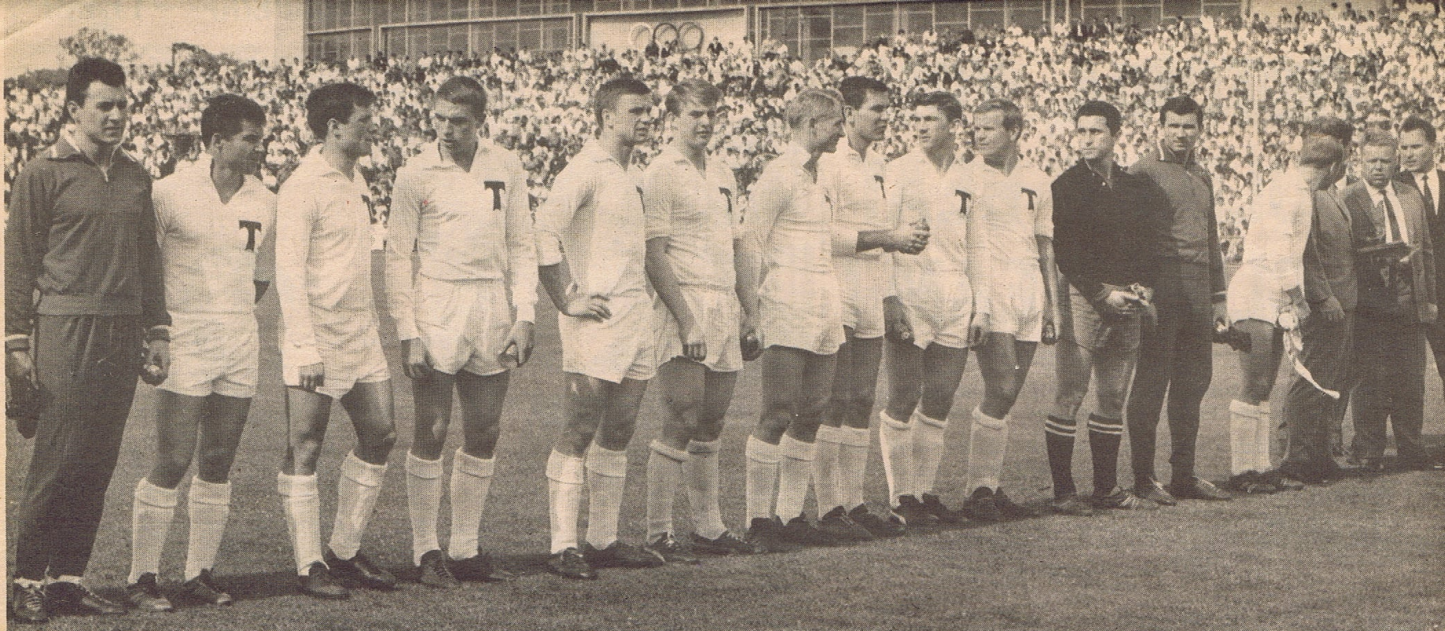
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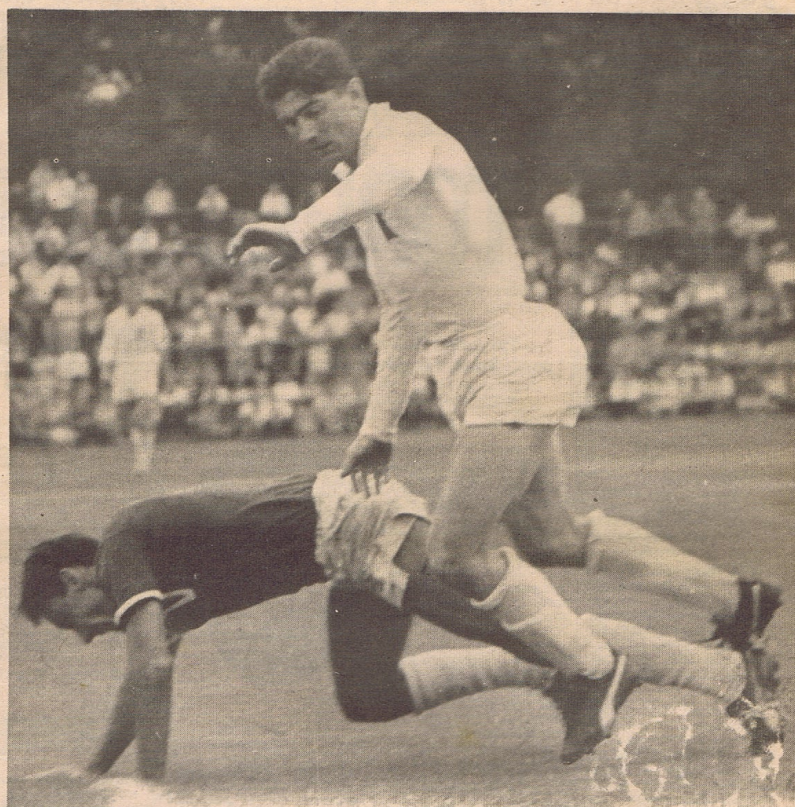
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Torpedo Moscow (left to right): Alexander Mushkovts (reserve left back), Vladimir Sarayev (left back), Vladimir Fedotov (left wing), Alexander Lenev (left half), Vladimir Brednev (right half), Vladimir Sherbakov (centre forward), Vyacheslav Andreyuk (right back), Vyacheslav Marushko (centre half), Vyacheslav Solovyov (right wing), Vladimir Mesherakov (centre half), Anzor Kavazashvili (goalkeeper), Eduard Shapovalenko (reserve goalie), Boris Batanov (inside left), Victor Marianko (coach), Konstantin Kitayev (manager), German Orlov (interpreter).



Torpedo right half Vladimir Brednev in action.



ABOVE: Ooops! Victoria's Billy Rice goes down as Torpedo right winger Vyacheslav Solovyov jumps over him to avoid a spill.



LEFT: Victorian captain Vic Janczyk (left) exchanges pennants with Torpedo captain Boris Batanov.



RIGHT: Vladimir Sarayev, the Torpedo left back, lines up a shot as State League centre half Billy Rice goes in to intercept.

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SPOTLIGHT ON THE STARS



ABOVE: State League team (left to right): Mike Jureki, Billy Cook, Billy Rice, Vic Janczyk, Nigel Shepherd, Frank Micic, Ray Barotajs. Bottom row: Marko Fode, Tom Stan-kovic, Archie Campbell, Jimmy Malloy, Bill McIvor.



LEFT: Vladimir Brednev, the Torpedo right half, takes a shot at goal.



Victoria's goalie Marko Fode falls as Torpedo centre forward Vladimir Sherbakov leaps over him.



LEFT: Torpedo centre half Vladimir Mesherakov tangles with Archie Campbell, the State League right winger.



RIGHT: Anzor Kavazashvili, the brilliant Torpedo goalkeeper, makes one of his spectacular dives for the ball.

'NEEDLE' KILLED ARCHIE'S PAIN

Courageous George Cross winger Archie Campbell hobbled on to the ground as 30 minutes extra time began in the Ampol Cup semi-final at South Melbourne on Saturday night.

He had two pain-killing injections in a severe back injury received when J.U.S.T. centre-half Billy Rice rose high to head the ball clear early in the game.

Campbell aggravated the injury after half time when he twisted his body while sending a through pass towards goal.

He left the ground about 15 minutes before the end. This left George Cross with only nine men — Eddie Sacco had been sent off following a tangle with Tom Stankovic.

TREATMENT

But George Cross battled on, levelled the score 2-2 with J.U.S.T. and faced the 30 minutes extra time with two men short.

Campbell learned of the fighting draw as he lay on his back in the dressing room receiving treatment for his painful injury.

He agreed to go back out and help the Cross in a last-minute bid for a berth in the Ampol Cup final. The club doctor, Dr. Z. Atlas, gave him two pain-killing injections.

George Cross fans stamped in the stand as Campbell took his place on the right wing. And what a fight Campbell put up.

Within minutes David Goldie had given Campbell the ball. He dashed down the sidelines, cut in, and shot a sizzling left-foot which rebounded off the upright.

The courage of Campbell inspired George Cross to new heights and they outplayed a leg-weary J.U.S.T. But the vital goal eluded them and the game finished in an exciting draw — and a replay.

STRUGGLE

Earlier the match was a titanic struggle.

At nine minutes Pejovic deceived Azzopardi with a beautiful "curve ball." Azzopardi had the ball covered, but at the last minute it swerved to the side and whipped past the bewildered goalie's hands and into the net.

Eleven minutes later Pejovic found an opening and banged home J.U.S.T.'s second goal, with George Cross floundering.

First George Cross goal came at 41 minutes when Goldie received a pass from Campbell and whipped the ball into the net.

It wasn't until near the end that George Cross made the scores level when Goldie found the net after a goalmouth scrimmage.

George Cross full-back Sacco and J.U.S.T. left-winger Stankovic were sent off late in the match.

Both sides went into extra time dog-tired. George Cross dominated the first 15 minutes, but J.U.S.T. began to look dangerous early in the second 15 minutes. Azzopardi kept them out with a great high save.

Campbell split open the J.U.S.T. defence and in the confusion Goldie raced in to just miss the upright.

Campbell again, and he forced a corner. J.U.S.T. were almost out on their feet as Campbell again came in, and tested Fode with a powerful drive.

HOW THEY FINISHED IN THE AMPOL CUP

SECTION A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Hakoah	3	2	1	0	6	2	5
J.U.S.T.	3	1	1	1	5	5	3
S.M.-Hellas	3	1	1	1	5	6	3
Slavia	3	0	1	2	4	7	1

SECTION B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
George Cross	3	2	0	1	7	5	4
Wilhelmina	3	2	0	1	4	7	4
Juventus	3	1	1	1	10	6	3
Polonia	3	0	1	2	5	8	1

VIC LOOKS GLOOMY



Victorian captain and coach Vic Janczyk walks away after being interviewed by Tony Charlton, of GTV-9.

You have to be an early bird to play Soccer in South Africa.

Soccer in the Union usually kicks off at 7.30 a.m. Two curtain-raisers precede the National League game, which starts at 10.30.

The early start is to beat the hot mid-day sun. Heat is a bit of a killer — many players from Britain and the Continent lose up to 14 lbs. in three months.

There are other snags in South African Soccer. Despite the big money talk, the average British free transfer player (same rating

IN SOUTH AFRICA THEY RISE WITH THE BIRDS

players as come to Australia) are in the main lucky if they top £15 per week from the game alone. Tradesmen's wages are around £22 per week, but good flats cost over £40 a month.

Like Australia, only a few earn big money from Soccer alone. And that is £30 - £40 per week.

Big travelling distances in the National League presents problems. Clubs like Addington travel 1000 miles for

away games in Johannesburg and Cape Town. The league imposes a five per cent gate levy to help pay air travel.

On match days grounds are packed from early morning. Colored fans are in one section of the ground, whites in the other.

And the apartheid problem presents the biggest snag of all. Players are all the time conscious of the needle between the colored and whites and quite often are scared to go out alone.

AMERICANS ADOPT A FIVE-YEAR PLAN

America is on the verge of a Soccer revolution . . . and they hope new approaches will bring them up to international standard and put the game in line with baseball and "grid iron" football as a spectator sport.

The president of the United States Soccer Football Association, George Fishwick, has drawn up a five-year plan which calls for a National Professional League in New York, Chicago and Los Angeles.

A top British coach to be in charge of American players and coaches will be appointed for nine months each year.

Fishwick claims that in five years the Yanks could be the dark horse in the international field of Soccer.

The planned "new deal" for American Soccer has been prompted by the success of the annual international league played each summer in different cities.

And of course the highly successful and annual New York Summer tournament with many of Europe's leading clubs is another cue to strike out with a more ambitious program.

With F.A. permission, clubs began substituting adverts on the players' shirts instead of numbers. And the advertising is selling like hot cakes. St. Trond are pushing a fruit juice, Lierse S.K. are plugging whisky and Union St. Gilloise advocate an aperitif.

FILM STAR

Helmut Rahn, 35 year old right winger of West Germany's Meidericher Football Club is to star in an hour long film of his life. Hero of more than 40 international and the scorer of the winning goal against Hungary that took the World Cup to Germany in 1954, Rahn has an all-action studded life.

Signing for Dutch club, Enschede in 1957, Rahn kept his flat in Essen and crossed into Holland only on match days.

Advertising on the run

Under pressure from the two top clubs Anderlecht and Standard Liege, the Belgian F.A. agreed to full professionalism last year.

For the big clubs it was a good move but the struggling sides had to think up a brainwave to keep their heads above water — financially.

Walter Winterbottom, member of FIFA Panel of instructors and demonstrators was appointed director of the Sports Council by the British Government.

Joseph Liegl, general secretary of the Austria FA for more than 40 years, retired last month. His successor is Otto Demuth.

The world of Soccer is compiled by JIM COOK

Nature men
 Was this a plant? At a recent game between non-league sides Crawley Town and Barry Town the referee's name was Wood and the linesmen were Hedge and Tree.

Retired

Famous Hungarian right-winger star of the 1950's, Karoly Sandor, has retired from the active side of the game. He has joined up as a director of his old club, M.T.K. Budapest.

With the departure of Sandor from the playing arena — he was capped 65 times for Hungary — this leaves only three of the famous Hungarian side of the 1950's still playing. Puskas and Kocsis are in Spain and left winger Czibor is in Canada.

Record rap

Andy Kelly, former Hearts player, recently created a record in Scottish soccer. Now playing with non-league club Duns, he became the first man ever to face two ordering off charges and three cautions at the same Scottish Football Association referees committee meeting. A record Andy can hardly be proud of.

Rebel

Red Star right-winger, Zvezdan Cebinac, is a problem to opposing full-backs with his quick change tactics and penetrative style of play. But he is also a problem to his own club. Cebinac's claim to fame is he refuses to fly with his team when they travel abroad. He prefers to stay on the ground and travels by train.

His insistence on "no air travel" cost him his place in the Yugoslav National side which did so well in the last World Cup series in Chile. But his club, Red Star, takes a more sympathetic view of his problem.

24 killed

While world Soccer is said to be tougher than it's ever been and referees less popular than before, consider the situation in America.

Last season 24 players were killed in the United States playing the American version of football.

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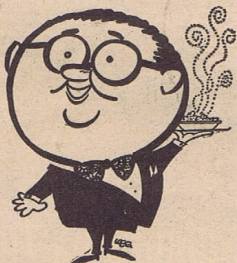
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We imported 792 players

During 1964 the Australian Soccer Federation processed 792 overseas player clearance applications covering 34 countries.

Most players came from England, 302, followed by Scotland 178, Greece 49, Malta 35, Italy 25 and West Germany 23.

There were 35 refusals — Austria, Malta and Switzerland one each and Yugoslavia 32.

Most players went to Victoria, 272, followed by N.S.W., 185, South Australia 150, Western Australia 118, Queensland 52 and ACT 15.

Australia granted 21 clearances — England 11, Scotland 2, Southern Ireland 1, Canada 1, Southern Rhodesia 1, Portugal 3, Netherlands 1 and Greece 1.

Scribes down to business

WRITERS' AGM

The Victorian Soccer Writers' Association held their general meeting at El Capucino, Fitzroy St., St. Kilda, on Monday, April 5, at 8 p.m. Business includes adoption of a constitution and election of office bearers.

FEDERATION HONORS SIX "OLD TIMERS"

Six men who have pioneered Soccer in Victoria were honored when the Victorian Soccer Federation conferred life membership on them at the annual meeting.

They are:—

• Bill Thomas, former Victorian Amateur Soccer Football Association chairman.

• Jim Paul, former VASFA deputy chairman.

• Alex Kerr, former VASFA treasurer.

• Kurt Defris, former executive member of VASFA and chairman of the State Selection Committee.

• John Oliphant, former executive member of VASFA and State League chairman.

• Sam Horrobin, former executive member of VASFA and chairman of the Metropolitan League Management Committee.

Bill Thomas, who often attends Olympic Park games, led VASFA for 12 years before the Federation became the controlling Soccer body in Victoria in 1962.

Jim Paul, who is now ATVO's Soccer commentator, also had 12 years on the State Council and had filled the roll of acting chairman of the VASFA.

Alex Kerr was VASFA treasurer for 13 years.

EXPERIENCED

Kurt Defris, now secretary manager of Hakoah and also chairman of the South of the Yarra Junior Soccer Federation, has served Soccer in many capacities.

He has had broad administrative experience in Soccer both in Austria and China. He had been member of VASFA State Council and its executive committee for seven years.

As chairman of the South of the Yarra Junior Federation he has built a great committee who are one of the most hard-working groups in the game.

John Oliphant, a tireless worker for the code, was an independent member of the old VASFA Council. He also was secretary of the Sunday International Committee.

He is now team manager of Slavia and has been responsible for building the club to win the Australia Cup, and Dockerty Cup.

John is now treasurer of the Federation having succeeded John van Hoboken.

VETERAN

Sam Horrobin is at present an official with Moreland Thistle.

He is a veteran who played with Melbourne clubs as far back as 1923.

He also has served many years as secretary of Moreland.

Sam was a member of the VASFA Council for 8 years.

PASSPORTS NOW FOR THE JUNIORS

By Stephen Kalus

Juniors in south of the Yarra competitions this year will be given a "passport".

The passport idea was adopted by the South of the Yarra Junior Federation following complaints last year that some clubs were playing non-registered and over-age players.

The passport — and the registration form for the player — will have a photograph of the player.

The passport must be produced by the player at the request of an official of an opposing team.

Officials believe the idea will eliminate the big headache that "ring-in" juniors caused last year.

Many clubs blatantly abused the age rule by playing players often two or three years older than they should have been.

INSURANCE

The South of the Yarra committee also has decided that a compulsory insurance scheme for juniors be adopted.

All junior players will now be insured against injury at training and at matches.

The Federation also discussed a third grade competition for juniors.

Kurt Defris was elected chairman of the Federation. Committee members and their jobs are:

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SOCIAL: Hawes.

EDUCATION: Watson.

REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS: Merrills, Watson.

REFEREES: Kubik, Cyrrino, Wyndham.

COACHING OF REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS: J. Alexander.

YEAR BOOK

Don Joiner, secretary of the Management Committee of the Junior Soccer Federation, told the meeting that he had arranged for a Sydney Publishing Co. to issue a junior year book for 1965.

Kurt Defris, Allan Watson and Tom Markus were elected as representatives to the VJSF Management Committee. Kurt Defris was nominated as deputy chairman to Dick Harvey.

Bill Hamille, well-known executive, and manager of South Melbourne Juniors, was co-opted as secretary-manager to Hakoah-Ajax Committee.

Bill will manage one of the Hakoah-Ajax junior teams.

He will also represent Hakoah-Ajax at the South Yarra JSF.

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Hakoah Third grade team, which has entered the South of Yarra competition, will play an exhibition game at Ballarat

against the local team Wendouree.

The Bayswater junior soccer team has entered seven teams in the 1965 junior competition.

Next Sunday, at Olympic Park, selected teams of the South and West of the Yarra Under 16 will play before the big game against Torpedo.

Hakoah-Ajax juniors will hold a general meeting next Sunday morning at 10 at Middle Park.

Eight teams have already entered the Third grade competitions, including State League Clubs Wilhelmina, South Melbourne Hellas and Hakoah.

Melbourne pick the youngsters

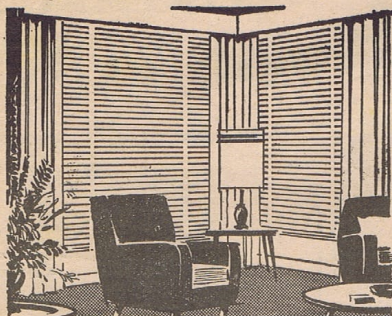
Melbourne are leading the way again this season with juniors.

On Saturday at South Melbourne Cricket Ground they played five juniors in their team which drew with Lions 1-all.

They are — goalie Henry Surma, right-half Emery Bihary, right-winger Peter Kurta, inside-right Atilla Abonyi and left-winger Jimmy Kasdagis.

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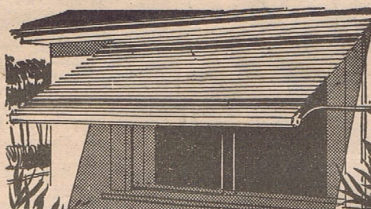


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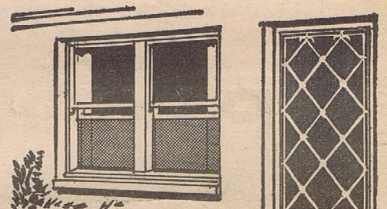


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Former Hellas and Australian winger Jimmy Adam is almost certain to be cleared to George Cross.

The price is believed to be £650. Both clubs are said to have agreed on this figure, but final details have not been worked out.

Adam has been coaching George Cross in the night series, and has them in the peak of physical condition.

George Cross are certain to want Adam to be their coach and left-winger — for the rest of the year.

Their left-wing spot gave them a lot of trouble last year.

VETERAN

Billy Copeland played some great games on the left-wing last year, but he is now reaching the veteran class.

Hans Petersen displayed only in bursts the form that made him an outstanding left-winger in previous years.

He is now on the transfer list and has been training at Juventus. He said on Saturday night that his future was not certain — he might even still stay at George Cross.

Adam would be a terrific asset to the club, either at left-wing, or at half-back where he now has an inclination to play.

He feels this would be an ideal position for him.

BEST

With Campbell on the right and Adam on the left, and backed by the nipperiness of Ginger Cassar and the cleverness of David Goldie, plus the powerful boot of Don Hodgson at centre-forward, George Cross would have probably the best forward line in the league.

Adam came to Australia from Falkirk, Scotland, early last year. He had spent several years at Stoke City, playing on the wing opposite Sir Stanley Matthews.



• Jimmy Adam water-skiing soon after his arrival in Australia.

Now we have Abel Tasman

A new club has sprung up in Melbourne recently. It has a Dutch background and is appropriately named the Abel Tasman Soccer Club.

One of the founders and the first president of the club is Gerry Ribbels, who was secretary of Wilhelmina Soccer Club for some time until 1957.

The club is striving to gain recognition from the Federation. It applied for entry into the fourth division, but missed selection. The club will play at South Yarra.

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Russian interpreter German Orlov (left) and manager Victor Marienko meet members of the Victorian State League team. From left, they are Nigel Shepherd, Billy Cook, Frank Micic and Jimmy Molloy.

Status Committee

The Australian Soccer Federation have formed a status committee—Messrs. C. Connolly and J. Connell (South Australia)—to arbitrate on disputes regarding player clearances from Australia.

Doherty hurt: broken nose

Here are latest reports on former Victorian players now in the United Kingdom.

JOHN DOHERTY: The former Slavia and South Coast United inside forward signed for fourth division English league club, Aldershot Town. Playing well in his first few games, Doherty suffered a facial injury in a recent match. He received a broken nose and had six stitches inserted in a head wound.

TOMMY ANDERSON: The former George Cross and Hellas wing half has signed for English third division club, Watford. He has been a regular in the first team at inside forward for the past 10 games and has scored a few goals.

FRANK MCCOLGAN: The former Slavia inside forward of two seasons ago who had a spell with Toronto City, in Canada, is now back in Scotland playing with second division club, Berwick Rangers.

Big Joe calls it a day!

Joe Marston, former Australian international centre half, has officially retired from active participation in the game.

He is taking up duties as manager of Apla, Sydney.

"Big Joe" has been a dedicated player over the past 20 years not only in Australia where he acquired his early football knowledge, but also in England.

Over there he played for English first division club Preston North End.

Geelong club loses heart

Since the Geelong clubs went out of the Metropolitan League, Soccer and incentive in the area is dead. The game is being slowly strangled by lack of interest and support.

These are the words of Luigi Tromba who is on the management committee of Bell Park club. Luigi says that although they recognise the Federation intention was good the plan has misfired.

It cost plenty for this game

Clubs planning on forming a national league in the near future can take last Sunday's George Cross v. Prague (Sydney) match at Middle Park as a guide to their costs.

George Cross organised the match — and will be lucky to make £100 out of the deal.

It cost George Cross £1250 to stage the game.

This included flying Prague down from Sydney, accommodation for the night at a hotel, rental of the Middle Park Stadium, payment of £100 each to Hellas and Hakoah, who played curtain-raisers, and other sundry expenses.

They needed a crowd of 3,500 to cover expenses — and the estimated crowd was about 4,000.

On this basis, it can generally be conceded that it will cost a club about £1000 a match to play in the national league.

Of course, it would be no trouble recouping this amount when teams with big followings are playing.

But what about matches involving, say Hakoah and J.U.S.T. who have only mediocre support.

Sorry, you came from England!

An intriguing story surrounds Croatia's new right winger, Maurice Hawkins, who arrived several months ago from Scotland.

A Londoner, Maurice married a Scots lass and while in Scotland played a number of games as an amateur for Montrose F.C. in the Scottish Second Division.

While with the Scottish side he was under review by Scotland's amateur international selectors who, satisfied with his displays, selected him to represent Scotland.

But Maurice dropped out of the reckoning and was replaced when they discovered he was a Pom. Married with a small child, Maurice is an aircraft fitter at Essendon.

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WHO WANTS TOM?

Tom Ferguson, an inside forward, of 6 Merrick Crescent, Minishant by Maybole, Ayrshire, Scotland, is interested in joining a club in Australia. He is 21, married, and a joiner by trade.

Harry Richmond, Croatia's star inside forward, was thrown under his car when it turned over last week.

A cartilage was put out of place in one of his legs and he had it attended to by former Aussie Rules massour Hugh McLaughlan.

Richmond is recovering, but will miss the opening rounds of the State League.

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